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Proactive Measures Led to Fire-Free Sandias

Residents helped keep East Mountains safe over 4th of July holiday

Bernalillo County- The only burnt orange seen by East Mountain residents during the 4th of July holiday was that of the sun setting on Bernalillo County, and for that District 5 Commissioner Wayne Johnson is very pleased. **"Thanks to the vigilance of the citizens of District 5 and the cooperation between county and city fire and law enforcement agencies, we were able to avoid any dangerous fire situations this year,"** says Commissioner Johnson.

The 4th of July was fire-free in the Sandias this year. The public's awareness of the dry conditions and extreme fire danger seemed to have made a difference. Residents, overall, acted responsibly. More than twice as many fireworks complaints were phoned in, compared to last year. Additionally, the Bernalillo County Fire Department had a zero tolerance policy for the use of illegal fireworks, handing out almost a dozen citations.

"Despite the beginning of the monsoon season and recent rains, we still have a long way to go before we are out of danger," says Johnson. **"Continued vigilance by everyone in the county is extremely important and appreciated."**

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